(c) whether Government will take action against the people who are responsible for causing death to many persons in riots in various parts of the country, particularly in Ayodhya and Gujarat and the situation arising as result thereof; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b)The Government receives requests/suggestions from time to time from State Governments and other quarters to ban organizations which, in their perception, are indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the society. Such requests/suggestions are carefully examined with reference to the available evidence before any view is taken in the matter.

(c) and (d) The subjects "Public Order" and "Police" figure in List II-State List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence, it is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to maintain public order and peace, including registration, investigation of crime and compiling of data relating to communal incidents. The Government of India shares intelligence and sends advisories/alert messages to the States/UTs from time to time and also makes available Central Para-military Forces to them on specific request. A special force called the Rapid Action Force is deployed to deal exclusively with the communal tensions. Assistance is also provided to State Governments for modernization of their policing infrastructure. The activities of all organizations having a bearing on maintenance of communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, where necessary.

Steps taken to deal with the threat of terrorist organisation

3251. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news captioned 'Wake up call from Lashkar Boss' which was published in the Indian Express on 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so. Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to deal with such threats and to check their evil motives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENIVIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir. Government are aware of the news item that Let Chief Hafiz Mohd. Saeed, before his release from detention in Pakistan, had sent a message to all terrorists in J&K exhorting them to step up terrorist attacks in the Valley.

(b) The Government remains committed in its resolve to wipe out military from Jammu and Kashmir and to usher peace and normalcy in the State.

(c) In addition to continued diplomatic initiatives at various levels, redeployment of troops at borders/LoC and intensive pressure on terrorists in the hinterland the Government, conjointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by-the pro-Pak* terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter alia,* strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at all levels; improved technology, weapons and equipments for security forces and action as per law against over ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored in the Unified Headquarters in the State and in Operation Group at various levels.

S.M. service to collecting information regarding stolen vehicles and passports

† 3252. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Police has achieved a roaring success in collecting information with regard to theft of vehicles and passports, after initiating S.M. service;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to initiate this service in other parts of the country also; and

(c) if so, by when alongwith places where this service would be initiated and if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.